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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to connect all the capitals of North-Eastern States, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep with rail lines under 'Vision 2020';

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c) : Vision 2020 envisages expansion of railway network to provide rail connectivity to all the State capitals of North East Region. Out of 8 State capital cities of NE Region, two State capitals i.e. Guwahati and Agartala are already connected with rail net work and works have been taken up for connecting State capitals of balance 5 States except Sikkim. The works are expected to be completed by March 2017. For connecting Andaman-Nicobar islands, an updating survey for Portblair-Diglipur line has been taken up. There is no proposal at present for providing connectivity with Lakshadweep.